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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--THE MILITARY SITUATION

Government forces conducting clearing operations between the Bassac River and Route 1 southeast of Phnom Penh made limited advances on February 7 in the face of light opposition. South of the capital, press reports indicate that the Communist have been pushed out of Kompong Tuol, on Route 3 at the western end of the battle line along the Prek Thnaot River. Elsewhere in this sector the Cambodian Army's 1st Division made no progress yesterday in trying to eliminate Khmer Communist forces north of the Prek Thnaot. The Division has been using heavy artillery fire to check Communist ground attacks.

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Northwest of Phnom Penh, units of the Army's 7th Division operating a few miles from Pochentong airfield have reported meeting stiff resistance from two well-entrenched Communist battalions. Two government armored vehicles have been destroyed by mines in this area this week.